

May 2

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I consider the Lord and my relationship to Him the source of peace in my life? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one with whom He desires to have fellowship? Do I recognize that the Lord uses other believers to encourage and strengthen me? Do I become discouraged because I focus on the shortcomings of people?

1 **God is the God of peace. His name means: 'the LORD is peace' — Judges 6:24** *Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

How has my relationship to the Lord been the source of peace in my life?

For which part of my relationship to the Lord can I praise Him?

2 **I am called to peace as a part of Christ's body — Colossians 3:15** *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

In what ways has my faith and relationship to Christ brought peace?

How can Satan use my isolation from the body to create turmoil for me?

3 **I am to focus upon the Lord in the pursuit of peace — Isaiah 26:3** *Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in thee.*

How is the level of turmoil in my life affected if I focus on other people?

Where do I need to focus in order to decrease the turmoil in my life? Why?

Spirit of Truth, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 22:1-20

Evening: 1 Kings 12, 13